

tem **930** may be computer software designed for the purpose of managing databases. Typical examples of DBMSs include Oracle, DB2, Microsoft Access, Microsoft SQL Server, Postgres, MySQL and FileMaker. Examples of results as per embodiments described herein may include: metric (i.e. number of attackers that can reach a specific target); an attack path; part of an attack path; a collection of paths; an exploit; a condition-exploit pair; an exploit-condition pair; a table that describes an attack graph; a combination of the above; or the like.

[0098] The network may be reconfigured to decrease the likelihood of future attacks using the attack information learned from the result **950**.

[0099] The disclosed relational model enables interactive analysis of attack graphs for intrusion detection and prevention. It was shown that the complete attack graph may be generated as relational views. Analysis of the attack graph may thus be relational queries against such views. It was shown how to write relational queries for typical analyses previously studied in the literature. This novel approach made the analysis of attack graphs an interactive process similar to that in the decision support systems. As a side effect, the mature optimization techniques existing in most relational databases also improved the performance of the analysis.

[0100] The following references are provided as background to the above described principles to assist one skilled in the art understand the disclosure.

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[0122] While various embodiments have been described above, it should be understood that they have been presented by way of example, and not limitation. It will be apparent to persons skilled in the relevant art(s) that various changes in